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SUBJECT: IMPACT OF MID EAST WAR ON LOCAL SCENE

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SUMMARY: MID EAST WAR CONTINUES DOMINATE LOCAL PRESS.
EDITORIAL COMMENT GENERALLY ALONG STANDARD LINES BUT COMMUNIST
"HARAVGHI" TAKING LESS POLEMICAL LINE THAN GOVT-ORIENTED
"PHILELEFTHEROS". END SUMMARY

1. LOCAL PRESS CONTINUES TREAT MID EAST WAR AS MAIN STORY
(ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS ON ISLAND ENCOURAGES THIS
PREOCCUPATION), BORROWING FREELY FROM WIRE SERVICE
ACCOUNTS. HEADLINES IN LEFTIST PRESS (COMMUNIST "HARAVGHI",
RABID LEFT-WING "TA NEA") AS WELL AS UNOFFICIAL GOVT ORGAN
"PHILELEFTHEROS" CONTINUE PLAY UP ARAB SUCCESSES. BOTH
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"HARAVGHI" AND "PHILELEFTHEROS" OCT 19 CARRY LONDON "DAILY

MAIL" STORY THAT UK HAS FORBIDDEN US PLANES TO USE SBA'S AS TRANSIT POINT IN CONVEYING MATERIEL TO ISRAEL.

2. ON EDITORIAL SIDE, "PHILELEFTHEROS" CONTINUES HIT ISRAEL HARD WHILE "TA NEA" INVEIGHTS AGAINST US RESUPPLY ROLE. INTERESTINGLY, OCT 19 HARAVGHI" TOO LOW-KEY, NONPOLEMICAL LINE, POINTING OUT THAT RETURN OF LANDS LOST IN 1967 SINE QUA NON TO CHANCE FOR DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TO BEAR FRUIT.

3. PRIVATELY, UP-ORGAN "AGON" HAS APOLOGIZED FOR EGREGIOUS OCT 16 STORY RE US PHANTOMS (REFTEL) AND HAS SINCE EDITORIALIZED AGAINST "MALICIOUS WHISPERS" THAT SBA'S BEING USEDIN ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT.

4. PRESS REPORTS MODEST SUCCESS OF CAMPAIGN OF COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH ARAB PEOPLES IN COLLECTING MONEY FOR ARAB CAUSE. MINISCULE CYPRUS-ISRAEL ASSN HAS SENT CABLE OF SUPPORT O ISRAELI EMBASSY AND ATTACKED FORMIN CHRISTOPHIDES OCT 12 STATE-MENT (NICOSIA 2113) FOR ITS ONE-SIDED CRITICISM OF ISRAEL.
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